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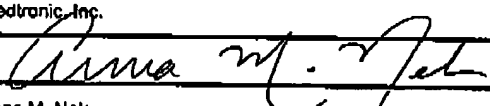
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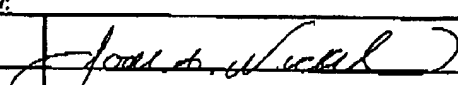
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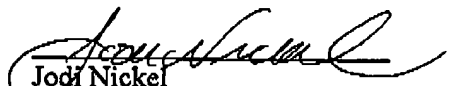
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Jodi Nickel**Response To Restriction And Election Requirement**

In response to an Office Action mailed October 17, 2005, applicant hereby responds as follows:

The applicant has been required under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect for further prosecution one of the embodiment of:

Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a method for reducing stomach acid secretion, classified in class 128, subclass 898; or

Group II, claims 18-30, drawn to an ablation system, classified in class 606, subclass 41.

The Applicant hereby elects the embodiment of Group I, claims 1-17. A divisional application may later be filed to prosecute Group II. This election is made without traverse.

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The applicant has also been required under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect for further prosecution one of the following species of the claimed invention:

Species I, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 1

Species II, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 2

Species III, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 3

Species IV, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 4

Species V, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 5

Species VI, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 6

Species VII, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 7

Species VIII, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 8

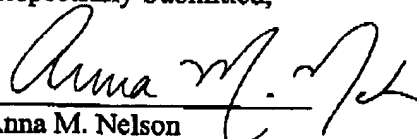
Species IX, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 9

Applicant elects Species II, the embodiment of the delivery element shown in Fig. 2. With regard to the claims that read on the elected species, all of the elected method claims, claims 1-17 read on the elected species, and all are generic. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any further explanation will expedite the prosecution of the application, or if the Examiner has any suggestions or questions concerning the application or the present response.

Favorable examination and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney if there any questions regarding this application.

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